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THE MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD, AT LEBANON, PA.

 Full account of the proceedings of this meeting is being published in the *Christian World*, and since so many of our people are now readers of this paper, it will be useless to give a detailed account in the VISITOR. We feel very much disappointed that we could not attend the sessions of this Synod ourselves, but it seems that Providence had ordered things otherwise. These meetings are always of much interest to those of our clergy who are concerned about the growth and welfare of the church. Rev. C. F. Kriete, was the only representative at Synod, from our city. He kindly furnished us the daily proceedings, as they were published in the daily papers of Lebanon. He has also since his return, given us further valuable information. He assures us that the meetings were spirited, and yet harmonious and peaceable. The opening sessions of synod were held on Wednesday evening, May 28th. In the absence of the retiring President, Dr. G. W. Welker, the opening sermon was preached by Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, President of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa. He was also appointed temporary Chairman, and later was elected permanent Chairman. After the roll was called by the Stated Clerk Dr. I. H. Reiter, it was found that there was present a representation of 8 district synods, 49 classes, 95 ministerial delegates, and 63 lay-delegates, with an additional representation of visiting ministers, and a large number of women, who attended the Women's Synodical Missionary Society.

The subject of Missions, Home and Foreign, was one of the most important that claimed the attention of Synod.

Both of these Boards issued their reports in printed form and indicate that great progress has been made by the Reformed Church in her missionary operations during the past three years. Plans were devised to carry on this work of the church upon a still larger scale in the future. The president of

the Board of Home Missions in his report to General Synod speaks in very encouraging words of Grace church at Fort Wayne, and commends it for its zeal.

The subject of church union was another of the live topics, before Synod. Delegates were present from the Reformed Church in America, and addressed Synod, expressing themselves in favor of a closer union between their church and the Reformed Church in the United States. The presence of these delegates and their addresses were helpful in arousing a more enthusiastic spirit of union, and it is hoped that in the near future these two branches of the Reformed Church may become more than a federal, yes an organic unit.

Final action in the adoption of the new constitution has been delayed until a later meeting of Synod. A large number of classes failed to take action in reference to the constitution, and thus delayed final action of Synod. Some of the classes failed to have any report whatever in the hands of Synod. And we feel somewhat ashamed to learn that St. Joseph Classis is one of this number of derelict classes. It seems strange, indeed, that it takes such a long time for some Stated Clerks to learn what belongs to the office of the clerk. Or is it that they are both wilfully and ignorantly incompetent? St. Joseph Classis justly deserves a scathing rebuke from this higher tribunal of the Church. The classis has taken action in regard to the adoption of the new constitution, but there was no official report made to Synod of its action.

The committee appointed to prepare a new Hymn book reported, and the Hymn book was received with favor by the Synod and recommended to the different classes for action. This book is spoken of very highly, and it is hoped will meet a long-felt want of the Church East and West.

The Women's Missionary Society was largely attended. On Thursday evening a public service was held, Synod giving way to the women for this meeting. Papers were read at this service as follows:

"Individual Responsibility to Missions," Mrs. E. P. Mosser.

"The Efficacy of Children's Mission Bands," Mrs. H. Bair.

"The Eleventh Hour Reserves," Mrs. M. E. Whitmore.

"Report and Suggestions" Mrs. S. B. Yockey.

These papers are said to have been excellent, and were well received. The ladies had a very interesting and profitable meeting and received the substantial endorsement of Synod in their work. A few of the delegates on the floor of Synod were wont to throw cold water on the work of the women, but they were silenced by the overwhelming majorities which were against them. There are still some who have not caught the spirit of missions, and who feel that woman should be held in bondage, and that she has no talent for work in the Church.

Synod was royally entertained by the people of Lebanon, and the delegates all felt delighted with their visit to this city. In three years hence the Synod will meet in Dr. Bausman's church Reading, Pa. The Synod has devised and projected plans for work, now let there be a movement all along the line of our Reformed churches in the United States, to execute the wish and purpose of Synod. The Reformed Church has no questions of faith or doctrines to settle. The church has passed through its era of controversy and the way is now open for her to do aggressive work in enlarging her borders and in strengthening her stakes.

Grace Church will, in all probability, celebrate the 4th. The plans are not complete, but we venture this announcement in the VISITOR so as to prepare the people for what is coming. Vordermark's grove has been offered the church for a picnic, and why not the whole church take an outing on the 4th, and have a good time with our friends and "ourselves," besides also doing something for the church. We can have a Lunch stand, Ice Cream and Cake, Coffee and Lemonade stands. Could we not just as well spend the loose 4th of July money, and have the church realize the profits, as to spend it elsewhere? The VISITOR favors the picnic, or whatever you may call it. Vordermark's grove is easy of access by street railway, and a beautiful place. Let us try it.

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Our anniversary services, held May 25, were well attended, and were very pleasant. Subscriptions were taken at the morning service to replenish our church treasury. Some of the members were not present at this service, but their offerings will still be accepted, and are needed. Do not wait for the deacons to call on you for help, but bring your gifts freely and report them to the church. At this service the following persons were received into membership with the church: Mr. and Mrs. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zumbro. These persons are earnestly commended to the love and fellowship of the church.

THE MISSION BAND TO THE FRONT.

The entertainment given at the church parlors, on the evening of June 5th, under the management of Mrs. Zartman was in every particular a happy success. For a month past the "little folks" had been under training for this occasion, and the manner in which they rendered their programme indicated that no pains had been spared in their preparation. A number of our young ladies also assisted on the programme and did themselves full credit. We publish below the entire programme for the evening. It would be difficult to select one or two of the exercises and say they were the gems of the programme. The exercises were all best, and were well received by the audience. The entertainment could be repeated at some future time with good effect and with profit to the church.

PROGRAMME AS RENDERED.

Recitation—"Little Floe's Letter"...Myrtle Long
Duet—"Sing us a Song, Birdie".....
.....Mamie Vordermark and Amelia Kriete
Chorus—"Dumpling's Cat".....Little Folks
Solo—"Two Robin Redbreasts".....
.....Master Carl Kriete
Recitation.....Minnie Horn
Duet—"O'er the Hill".....
.....Lulu Heller and Clara Pipenbrink
Chorus—"Little Workers".....Little Folks
Recitation—"Stretch it a Little".....
.....Josie Zartman
Solo—"Kiss Me, Mamma".....Mamie Vordermark
Chorus—"Song for the Babies".....Little Folks
Recitation.....Jennie Lentz
Duet—"Beautiful Moonlight".....
.....Katie Vordermark and Emma Neireiter
Duet—"Two Little Kittens".....
.....Gloe Miller and Willie Walters
Duet—"Tis the Woodbird's Song".....
.....Jennie Lentz and Mrs. A. K. Zartman
Chorus—"Golden Years are Passing By".....
Medley.....Little Folks
Conversation—"Miss Edith Helping Things
Along".....Bepp Ersig

"The First Lesson".....
.....Kattie Vordermark and Tommy Blair
Duet—"Gipsy Countess".....
.....Lulu Heller and Clara Pipenbrink
Valedictory—Ice Cream and Cake.....By All
The Mission Band will realize some sixty dollars from this effort. This is doing well for our little folks, and is evidence that they have not been idle. Just for what purpose this money will be appropriated, has not yet been decided by the Band. Why could not the Mission Band join hands with the VISITOR in its purpose to handle the debt on the parsonage. The Mission Band and the VISITOR would make a good team, and in time would pull the ship ashore. Undoubtedly the Church would be glad to see this done, if the Mission Band will choose to do this. This organization of the Church has already achieved a good work, and won for itself a place of recognition among the other societies of the Church, and will do yet greater things hereafter. Always be ready to give the little folks a word of encouragement.

HOMES IN MOURNING.

Joseph the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McAndrew, died on the morning of May 17, at the home of its grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gavin. This sweet little babe was a constant sufferer during the brief time of its sojourn in this life. Its spirit has now gone to that home above where "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." In the afternoon of Sabbath May 18, the remains were laid away in the family lot, in the beautiful "Linden Wood."

In the afternoon of May 24, occurred the death of the babe of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hobson. This little one came and went, as a flower of the field. The wind passed over it, and it was gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. The funeral service was held on Sabbath afternoon May 25, at the school-house near the home, a few miles north of the city. "The Lord has only taken his own."

Friday night, May 23, occurred the death of Mrs. Fred Snyder, at the home near Arcola. Mrs. Snyder has been in poor health for some months; past, failing gradually until at last she was relieved of her suffering and the Lord took her unto himself. She leaves to mourn her death, the husband and a large family of sons and daughters. This mother is spoken of by the people of that community as having been a pious, affectionate, kind-hearted mother, and a good neighbor. She was a good Christian woman, and gave full evidence of her preparation for death.

In the home she took great pains to set a good example before her children, to bring them up in the nurture of the Lord. On Monday afternoon, May 26, the funeral services were held at the home. The pastor was assisted in the service by a local minister of Arcola. After the services the remains were brought to the Lindenwood Cemetery for burial. Miss Katie Snyder, of Grace Church, is a daughter of this mother. Others of the family are frequent attendants upon our services. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Caroline Liebman, after an illness of several weeks, died May 28, aged 8 years, 6 months and 27 days. The funeral services were held at the home, on Barr street, on the afternoon of May 30. The parents are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church, and the remains were interred in the cemetery of the church, south of the city.

John Wingate was suddenly called away Thursday evening, June 5. He had returned from his day's labor, and after the evening meal, had seated himself on the door-steps of the house. A few moments later he was found lying at the foot of the steps, life having already become extinct. He had been in poor health for some weeks, but no serious results were anticipated. Death came in the unexpected moment and claimed him as his own. Father Wingate was a man with a kind heart and had many warm friends. He was aged 67 years, 2 months and 14 days. He leaves a bereaved companion and two daughters to mourn his death. Two sons had preceeded the father to the home beyond. The funeral services were held on Saturday, June 7th, and the remains were taken to Hoagland for burial. A large number of the friends and members of Grace church accompanied the family to the place of burial.

"The stream is calmest when it nears the tide,
And flowers are sweetest in the eventide,
And birds most musical at close of day,
And saints divinest when they pass away."

C. C. Gumper met with a very painful accident recently. While engaged in making ice-cream, his left hand was caught in the large wheels of the freezer, crushing and mangling his fingers and hand in a fearful way. It was first thought several of the fingers would have to be amputated, but Dr. Myers, Senior, said not so. The hand was dressed and bandaged, and is doing well, and amputation will not be necessary.

Quarterly Communion services Sabbath morning, July 6th.

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SERVICES.

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| Sabbath morning, | 10:30 |
| Sabbath evening, | 7:30 |
| Sunday School, | 9:30 |
| Teachers' meeting Sabbath evening | 6:30 |
| Prayer meeting Wednesday evening | 7:30 |

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BRIEF AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Will the Church have an outing on
the 4th?

Ice-cream and cake Thursday even-
ing, June 19th.

Mr. Null met with a painful accident
not long ago, a car wheel falling on his
foot and badly bruising it. He is about
again, but has been detained from our
services for a number of Sabbaths.

The attendance upon the Sabbath
evening services to hear the pastors
talks on "Home," has been very large.
The cards issued by the Young People's
Society announcing these topics, have
been doing good work. Sabbath even-
ing June 15th, the pastor will speak on
the topic, "Mother." Later on the topics,
"The Old Folks at Home." "The young
Man Leaving Home." "The Daughter."
The last two topics will be of special
interest to the young people.

THE MONEY BARRELS.

It is due to the members of the Mis-
sion Band that a word should be said in
praise of the faithful work which some
of them did in soliciting money for their
barrels, and in selling tickets for the
entertainment. One object of the Mis-
sion Band is to train the children to be
workers. How fully this end is being
attained is indicated by the persistent
work of these little folks when any en-
terprise is undertaken by them. They
have made their entertainment a suc-
cess financially, by their cheerful and
untiring efforts. They have been like
the bees, busy, early and late. We
were sorry that one of these little work-
ers, Nettie Richards, was so unfortunate

with her money barrel, after having
worked so faithfully. Some boy with a
black face and a heart as black, who
had been employed as an assistant in
doing some work about the house,
used his long fingers to a very
wicked purpose. He stole the barrels
and squandered the money, with the
exception of seventy cents, which were
found on his person when he was ar-
rested. He was sent to jail for his mis-
demeanor. This boy has evidently
been receiving his training in some
sort of a band, other than a Mis-
sion Band. He must have been a mem-
ber of that band of boys who are hav-
ing a course of training in smoking and
chewing, and swearing and stealing,
and Sabbath breaking. We need to
look out for these black hearted boys,
or they may rob us of something more
valuable than money barrels. They
may rob us of our good hearts and good
names.

Here is a list of the names of children
who had barrels, and also the amounts
they contained.

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| Aggie Smith, | \$7 50 |
| Josie Zartman, | 5 40 |
| Annie Souder, | 3 53 |
| Tena Wilden, | 3 23 |
| Gloe Miller, | 2 61 |
| Carie Souder, | 1 78 |
| Ettie Souder, | 1 50 |
| John Vordermark, | 1 35 |
| Emma Kettler, | 1 25 |
| Georgia Smith, | 1 20 |
| Iona Frisby, | 1 17 |
| Ida Kootz, | 1 10 |
| Freddie Vordermark, | 1 07 |
| No name, | 83 |
| Charlie Durnel, | 72 |
| Nettie Richards, | 70 |
| Rosa Dukeman, | 65 |
| Daisy Walters, | 50 |
| Myrtle Long, | 47 |
| Minnie Horn, | 45 |
| Venitia Lonergan, | 41 |
| Willie Walters, | 25 |

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| Total, " " | \$37 92 |
| Receipts for tickets, | \$26 74 |
| Receipts for ice cream, | 10 20 |

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| Total Receipts, " " | \$74 86 |
| Expenditures, Total, | \$10 80 |

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| Net Receipts, " " | \$64 06 |
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This report is not complete. Several
barrels have not yet been reported. A
small amount is also yet to be reported
for the sale of tickets. Aggie Smith
and Josie Zartman won the prizes for
the largest amounts solicited for the
barrels. Nettie Richards the prize for
selling the most tickets. The children
with few exceptions did well, and have
reasons to feel elated over the results of
their work. The Mission Band will
undertake another enterprise at some
future time.

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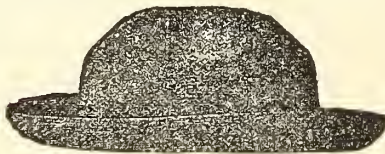
Our next quarterly communion service will occur on the first Sabbath in July. These communion seasons are festive days for the Lord's people. We come then as the children of one common Father, to break bread together at one common table. As at no other time, we are privileged then, to sit together in holy places, eating heavenly bread and drinking of the water of life. What child of the master will not enjoy such a feast? We hope to see all our members at the coming communion. The doors of the church will also be opened at that time for the admission of new members. Grace church has a cordial welcome for any and all worthy applicants. Who will be next to make their home with us?

The Young People's Society will give an Ice Cream and Cake Social Thursday evening, June 19th. This is the first effort of this society in this direction. A pleasant time is expected. Every person is invited. Come and bring your friends along. The committee is constituted as follows: Mollie Buckwalter, Maggie Haverly, Viola Shrack, Birdie Saffern, Anna Schaefer, Amelia Winters, Katie Vordermark, Howard Winch, Phil Hyman, George White, Harry Kline. Cream and cake, 15 cents.

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